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SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF THE NATIONAL MEDICAL COLLEGE OF THE COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.
The Commemorative Exercises will be held at 10 o'clock on THURSDAY, March 21, at the College Building on H street, between 15th and 16th streets. The address to the graduating class will be given by Prof. C. T. Lewis, of the class. The profession and the public are invited to attend. For tickets, apply to the Secretary, J. C. Riley, D. M., at the College Building, corner 15th and H streets, N. W. D. C.

SUMMER COURSE OF LECTURES.
The Summer Course of Lectures, by J. F. Johnson, M. D., will be held on TUESDAY, March 26, at the College Building on H street, between 15th and 16th streets. The subject is "Practical Analysis of Poisons," by Prof. E. D. Johnson, M. D.

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Washington News and Gossip.

GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS TO-DAY.—Internal Revenue, \$24,138.87; Customs, \$182,085.20.

GENERAL HANCOCK arrived in the city to-day, and in company with General Sherman paid his respects to the President.

U. S. NAVY REGULATION CIRCULAR NO. 11. Issued, provides that there shall be attached to each navy yard a captain of the yard, who will be the aid or executive of the commandant in the absence of the commandant and will act in his stead.

PERSONAL.—Major Ben. Perley Poore, who has been ill at his residence in Georgetown for some days past, is recovering, and will be out again in a day or two. Mrs. Senator Blaine and her family are expected to arrive in the city to-day.

A POSTMASTER REMOVED.—The House committee on expenditures in the Post Office department has subpoenaed Hadley, the postmaster at Little Rock, to appear before it and to testify to the charges against him, which he is charged with having committed in violation of law.

IS THERE A MAIL CONTRACT "RING"?—In the House to-day, during the debate on the bill to provide for the advertising of mail letters, Mr. Money, a member of the postal committee, introduced a resolution to amend the postal committee to-day, who testified that he had received \$50,000 for carrying the mail over the route between New York and New Orleans.

SENATOR SPENCER authorized a Star reporter to say that the statement in a city morning paper, to the effect that he had been in communication with him, is unfounded, and is without any foundation of truth.

AN EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION of a clerk to the head clerk in the Washington and Petersburg railway post office, made vacant by the death of Mr. Wm. Kealey, has just been held at the post office building, in the presence of the postmaster, Mr. H. C. Seuer, Mr. H. W. McGeorge, assistant clerk, has been re-elected to the place vacated by Mr. Seuer's promotion.

INVESTIGATING THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.—The committee on expenditures in the Post Office department, of which Hon. Jere N. Williams, of Alabama, is chairman, have commenced their work in good earnest. They have today begun an examination of the office building, where their examinations of the books, vouchers, and papers of the Post Office department will be made, and where they will examine witnesses, or hear complaints, or receive information. This committee will examine the post office building, and the organization of the department, and the various modes of making contracts. They will also examine the accounts of the Post Office department, and the various modes of making contracts.

THE SAYER'S WHISKY BILL.—A meeting of the Senate finance committee was held to-day, to consider Mr. Sayer's resolution recently adopted by the House, extending the time to keep whisky in bond from one to two years. The committee, however, did not report in favor of the adoption of the resolution. The committee adjourned with the understanding that the resolution should be reported to the Senate to-day.

ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED TONS of condemned bank note plates were melted down in the furnace at the mint to-day. The plates were next about five thousand tons more will be destroyed in the same manner. The other five thousand tons were destroyed Monday.

WANT TO KNOW ABOUT W. R. WHITTAKER.—Mr. Howe introduced in the Senate to-day a resolution to inquire into the conduct of W. R. Whittaker, who is now in the custody of the marshal, and to determine whether or not he is competent to hold office. The committee on the subject of the Whittaker case, which was appointed by the Senate to-day, will report to the Senate to-day.

THE APPLICANTS TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR for the position of fire commissioner, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Thos. E. Smith, are Wm. E. B. Smith, J. M. C. Quantrell, W. T. Walker and Dorsey Clag. An appointment will soon be made.

REFORM IN THE NAVY.—Secretary Thompson has issued an order that hereafter non-commissioned officers of the marine corps cannot be reduced while serving on shore, except with the approval of the Secretary of the corps or the sentence of a court martial. On shipboard, he cannot be reduced except to the next inferior grade, or to the grade of a court martial. This takes from the captains of vessels and the commander of the United States Marine Corps the power to dismiss non-commissioned officers at will.

THE PENSION BILL reported yesterday from the committee on appropriations appropriates \$2,268,774. The bill contains a new feature, providing that from and after the first of July next pensions shall be paid by the Treasurer, and that the Secretary of the Treasury, and until this act shall be carried into effect the special paying agents shall not be allowed to receive more than 10 per cent of the pension for each year. The bill also provides that the Secretary of the Treasury shall, in addition to their proportion of salaries, be paid only for such contingencies as are approved by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Treasury. This bill proposes to abolish the present eighteen pension agencies, directing a saving to the government of about \$200,000 annually.

THE TENNESSEE WHISKY WAR.—Yesterday Commissioner of the Tennessee Whisky War, Woodcock, at Nashville, to comply with the demand of the Federal Government to enforce the law and break up the whisky trade. Woodcock replies to-day that he will do so if necessary. He says that his special Deputy Davis is assisting successfully in White county. Putnam and Jackson counties are where the illicit distilleries have organized.

NATIONAL BANKS.—The comptroller of the Treasury has called upon the national banks for a statement of their condition at the close of business on Friday, March 15.

THE NORTH POLE.—The President has affirmed the act in aid of a Polar party as J. Gordon Bennett.

BIDDERS FOR MAIL CONTRACTS.—A statement in a Baltimore paper that the firm of Dorsey, Miner & Peck "bid for over hundred mail contracts, and strangely enough were the lowest bidders for every route upon which they offered to do service, we learn upon inquiry at the P. O. department to be incorrect. The gentlemen named bid upon almost all the routes, but were not the lowest bidders upon comparatively few of the routes. In Kansas for instance Peck bid on 90 routes and received 22. Miner on 8, and Dorsey on 25 routes and was lowest on but 4, and so on in this proportion throughout the list.

DRAMATIC LITERATURE.—Senator Blaine introduced yesterday a bill for the better protection of dramatic literature. The bill provides that the law of copyright shall cover and protect managers, actors, and other citizens of the United States who shall procure through purchase the right to play from a foreign author for the purpose of playing or publishing the same in the United States.

The Police Board Middle.

MR. GATCHEL MUST RETIRE OR HIS COLLEAGUES WILL RESIGN.

The President has received a letter signed by four of the members of the Board of Police Commissioners—Messrs. Somerville, Herr, Britton and Cisse—in which they tender their resignations not to be withdrawn, unless Commissioner Theodore F. Gatchel is removed from office.

The President has as yet taken no action in the case, nor has Mr. Gatchel been heard from. The board of police commissioners is unable to predict definitely what the result will be, but the whole matter, in view of the influence that is being brought to bear upon the President, will most likely end by Mr. Gatchel retiring from the board.

WANT TO GO TO THE POLE.—The Secretary of the Navy has received quite a number of voluntary offers from commanders and captains in the navy to command James Gordon Bennett's Polar expedition, also a large number of applications from officers of lower rank to be detailed for duty on the expedition.

The District Government Bill.

AMENDMENTS REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

The committee on the District of Columbia received assurances to-day from the appropriate members of the House, that they will authorize the consideration of the bill to provide a form of government for the District. The District committee, therefore, decided to consider the bill, and to report to the House to-day.

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Forty-Fifth Congress.

SENATE.—Memorials remonstrating against the re-enactment of the income tax were presented by Senators, Hamlin, Eaton, Cockrell, and Armstrong.

Memorials and petitions were also presented to the Senate. By Mr. Morgan—From citizens of Selma, Ala., asking for amendment in the construction of a railroad from Pittsburg to the Pacific ocean. Mr. Morgan stated that he was opposed to all such legislation. By Mr. Hoar—Protesting against a change in the tariff law. Also, that the life saving service be continued until the present management. By Mr. Davis of Illinois—To pass the bill introduced by Mr. Cockrell providing for the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi river.

Bills were introduced as follows—By Mr. Winthrop, from the committee on appropriations, a deficiency bill relating to the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, and other matters. By Mr. Hoar, from the committee on claims, a bill for the relief of the Female Institute of Richmond, Va. By Mr. Spencer, from the committee on military affairs, a bill to reimburse the state of West Virginia for money expended during the late war. Referred to the committee on claims.

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Telegrams to The Star.

LOUISIANA POLITICS.

A CUBAN SCHEME FAILS.

ROBBERY BY MASKED MEN.

WAR SIGNS IN EUROPE.

EUROPE TO-DAY.

Embarrassed Grain Farms.

The Insurance in Thessaly.

Warning to England.

Russians Dying of Typhus Fever.

Gen. Gourko Going Home.

The Peace Congress May Not Assemble.

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